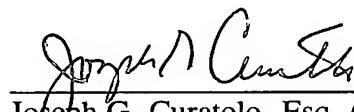


REMARKS

The present patent application is a national stage patent application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/009253 filed 18 Aug 2004, which claims priority from Patent Application No. JP 2003-328772 filed on 19 Sep 2003, from which applications the present application claims priority. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above claims before the fees are calculated and earnestly solicits a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 1-20.

The amendments to the claims have been made in order to eliminate multiple dependencies and to place the pending claims in proper U.S. format. The amendments were not made for any other reason related to prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph G. Curatolo, Esq. (Reg. No. 28,837)
Curatolo Sidoti Co., LPA
24500 Center Ridge Road, Suite 280
Cleveland, Ohio 44145
Customer No. 23575
Telephone: 440.808.0011
Facsimile: 440.808.0657
Attorney for Applicant

3-14-2006
Date